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Rep. O. C. Fisher (D., Tex.), member of the House Committee on Armed Services, departed Washington for Paris by regularly scheduled MATS on September 28. Rep. Laurie C. Battle (D., Ala.), member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, will depart Washington for Paris on October 1 via Pan American Airways Flight 114.

Rep. Fisher and Rep. Battle (if he has succeeded in securing a visa to visit the USSR) expect to depart Paris on October 5 on Air France Flight 752 for Prague and depart Prague the same day on Aeroflot Flight 116 for Moscow, where they will remain for several days, the exact duration of their visit undetermined. They expect to return to Paris via the Scandinavian countries. Both Rep. Fisher and Rep. Battle have open airline tickets -- Aeroflot from Moscow via Leningrad to Helsinki, AY (Finnish Airlines) to Stockholm, Scandinavian Airlines to Oslo, and Air France to Paris.

Rep. Battle and Rep. Fisher are authorized to use counterpart funds, where available.

Rep. Battle's travel plans following the visit to the Soviet Union are indefinite and will be determined after his arrival in Europe. It is therefore requested that posts cooperate in notifying onward posts (and the Department) of his travel plans, including notification of the authorization to use counterpart funds, should posts not receiving this instruction be added to the itinerary. Mr. Battle, in applying for his passport, listed for possible inclusion in his itinerary: France, USSR, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Spain, and Austria. His date of return to the United States is uncertain.

Rep. Fisher plans to proceed from Paris to Munich to begin a tour of approximately two weeks' duration of United States installations in Germany and Austria, returning to the United States via MATS from Paris or Frankfurt sometime in November. Arrangements for the trip through Germany and Austria, including making of hotel reservations, will be made by the military, with the probable exception of a hotel reservation in Vienna. CGUSFA, Salzburg has been requested by the Department of the Army to notify the Embassy in Vienna of the time of arrival there.

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Mr. Fisher is holding a reservation on Air France flight 742 departing Paris for Munich on November 2; Amembassy Paris is requested to coordinate with the military on the trip arrangements and notify all concerned if the Paris to Munich travel plans are revised.

Mr. Fisher's tour being arranged by the military is expected to include Munich, Berchtesgarden, Salzburg, Vienna, Heidelberg, Stuttgart, Weisbaden, Frankfurt and Berlin.

The provisions of the Handbook for Congressional Foreign Travel apply. Please meet Rep. Fisher and Rep. Battle on arrivals, assist through customs, keep onward posts and the Department advised of itinerary developments, and assist as required.

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